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Applicants:	Nishikawa et al.	Confirmation No.:	9089
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For:	GENE PROMOTING VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL CELL GROWTH		

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2008. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a two-month extension of time and appropriate fee. With this extension, Applicants submit that a response is due on or before February 15, 2009. While Applicants believe no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 29473-013 NATL.

**Amendments to the claims** are shown in the listing beginning at page 2.

**Remarks** begin at page 5.